A SONG
OF THE
Judgments & Mercies
OF THE
LORD:

Wherein the things seen in secret, are declared openly.

Being, *A brief Demonstration of the Secret Work of the Almighty in me his Servant:*

Given forth at the *Movings of the Spirit of the Lord*, and is to go abroad throughout the World.

With a *hearty Salutation* of *pure* and *unfained Love*, flowing from the *Innocent Life*, (in a few words) *to all the Souldiers, of the Lambs Army* throughout the Nations, and also to the *Suffering Seed* every where.

With a few Words by way of Information unto such who may have desires in them to know the way to the Kingdom of Peace and Righteousness, (which we possess, and are Heirs of through Christ Jesus our Lord) which to them is the visitation of God.

By one that laboured and travelled for the Redemption of the Suffering Seed; who is ceased from his Labour, and entred into Everlasting Rest; called, Josiah Coale.

We have not cunningly used devised fables in making known the Power and coming of the Lord Jesus, but having been eye Witnesses of his Majesty and Glory, we declare the things which we have seen.

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A Song of the Judgments and Mercies of the Lord.

I Will sing of the Judgments, and Mercies of the Lord; and declare his wondrous Works unto all people: that the Inhabitants of the Earth may hear, and fear, and reverence the Lord who is holy.

When I walked in the way of the Wicked, and knew not the path of the Just; when I lived in transgression against God, and knew not his holy Law to walk therein; then oftimes did fear surprise me, and terror seized upon my heart; for I saw that the way in which I walked was *the way that led to destruction*; then as I considered the way of the world, I saw *they were all gone astray*, and though they had a Profession of God, yet acquaintance with him they had not, neither was he to be found in their Assemblies: Then my soul languished after the knowledg of him, and after the knowledg of *the way of Life*; yet still was I captivated with vanity, and the deceitfulness of sin stole away my heart: But the good Spirit of God still strived in me, to come out of the wayes of the world, whose Worships I had long seen to be but *as the offering of Swines-blood*; and in my heart I could not joyn with them, but had a testimony in me against their wayes; and that which they called *their Ordinances*, I saw *there was nothing of* God in it, for they *were but as a shadow, vanity, and nothing*; but how to come into *the way of Life*, to this I was still a stranger, *until the Lord in his eternal Power*, sent *the Ministers of the Word of Life*, who were *anointed of the* Lord, and endued with power from on high, *to preach the glad tydings of the Gospel to the captivated Seed*, and *to minister to the spirits that were in prison*, whose voice I rejoyced to hear, and whose *Testimony I gladly received*. For *they declared the way of Life*, that it was *in the midst of the path of Judgment*; and *the Witness of God in my heart did seal to the truth of their Testimony*: & this I saw *was the way that the Workers of Iniquity knew not*: For, *there is no judgment in their goings*: Then my soul cryed unto God, *for the pourings forth of the Spirit of Judgment*, that I might *walk in the paths thereof*, and *that the filth thereby might be purged a-*

way: For I *saw that my heart was polluted,* and that there was *no Habitation for God; which caused me to mourn in desolation, and to wander in solitary places:* So as I *waited* in the Light of his Son, *which shined in my heart and conscience,* there he revealed his righteous Judgments, and the just rejoyced therein, yea he brought me into the valley thereof, and there did he plead with me, even by sword and by fire, &c. He poured the *cup of his fury* upon me, and made me drink *of the dregs thereof,* yea *the cup of trembling* he put into my hand, and gladly did I receive it, though it was in my belly bitter: he oft-times *sorely afflicted me,* and caused *deep sorrow to compass me about,* and *poured his indignation upon me*: Then said I, I will bear it with patience, because *I have sinned against thee*: Yet many times I was strongly assaulted *with the violent rage of the wicked one,* for *he shot his fiery darts at me, which often wounded my soul: Then I cryed unto the Lord in* my *distress, and he comforted me with his precious promises,* which begot a secret hope in me, or *else I had fainted in the tribulation, when his vials of wrath were poured upon me, and the enemy came in like a flood: then* was I ready to say in my heart, *I shall one day fall by the hand of mine enemy*; yet I was still sustained by a secret hope, so that I cryed unto *the Lord, That he would never let his judgments depart, until the Prince of this world was judged and cast out*: So he followed me with his righteous Judgments, *untill I was near ready to faint*: Then I *cryed again* saying, *if thou wilt indeed bring me through thy Judgments, and grant me thy everlasting Peace; if thou wilt destroy the enemy of my soul, and give me rest from those that oppresse me; Then will I teach sinners thy wayes, and transgressors shall be converted unto thee*: yea, I made many promises unto him, *that my life I would give up unto his service,* and *that I would follow him whither soever he would lead me:* yet oftimes I enquired of the Lord, *why I should be so afflicted more than others;* For I said in my heart, *Never mans sorrow was like my sorrow:* Then he answered me, and said, *How shouldst thou declare my wondrous works, unless thou see, and know them*; So when I had born the indignation long, even the time of his good pleasure, when I had been long tossed with tempests, even as a ship upon the Sea, *and had long been as a Pelican in the Wilderness, and an Owl in the desert,* yea, *as a silly Dove without a mate, then he remembred* Jacob *his servant,* and was pleased to speak comfortable unto me saying, Oh, thou tossed with tempests, afflicted, and not comforted, Behold I will lay thy stones with fair colours,

hours, and though for a moment *I have afflicted thee, yet with everlasting loving-kindnes have I visited thee*; and with many sweet and precious promises he compassed me about, which at this time is unutterable, *and he put the cup of consolation into my hand, yea he caused it to overflow*, for which *my soul did magnifie his Name, and gave praise unto him in the land of the living*, unto which, by the arm of his power, I was brought through the long and terrible Wilderness; *for he had regard unto his own seed, and brought it forth by an outstretched arm? for he plagued* Pharoah *with his* judgments, *and destroyed the* Egyptians *in the* Red-Sea *of his wrath:* Wherefore I magnifie the God of Heaven (who is Light) and extoll him above all gods; for the proud he is able to abase with his Judgments, and to exalt the meek with his tender mercies.

Thus have I drunk the bitter Cup of Gods fierce indignation, the Ministration of the Law, and of Condemnation, which in its time was glorious; the just rejoyced therein, until the Prophets Ministry came, whereby the hope came in of a Redeemer from all sin, the law, and curse thereof; (And of deliverance from the Judgment and the wrath) which stayed me in the patience, to bear the indignation under which I long had travelled, through many tribulations, until *Johns* Ministry I came to see, which was the greatest of all the Prophets which had gone before, from the greatest unto the smallest: For then the way was made so strait, the path was made so plain, that the coming of Gods Son I saw in his great power to raign, whose Kingdom now is come with power; the Lamb is set on's throne; the least that in this Kingdom is, he greater is then *John*: So here the Mystery of the work of Regeneration is; he that can read me herein, may know where my dweling is.

So when he had thus exercised me with his judgments, and filled my hearts with his tender mercies, and enlarged it with his loving-kindness, so that the *way of his Commandments* was delightful unto me, and my life was not dear unto me for his sake; *then he spake unto me, saying*, Thou must be my servant to bring again the dispersed of *Israel*, &c. with much more, which I judge is not expedient here to be expressed; So to his service I gave up my life truly, and whatsoever I had, I accounted not dear for his sake; for he gave me the promise of his good presence, that it should never leave me nor forsake me, but that he would accompany me therewith:

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And he is faithfull, and keepeth Covenant, and performs his word unto his servant; For he hath carried me through many Countries in which I was a stranger, and from one Nation to another People he hath led me; and sometimes through many People of divers and strange Languages; and his good presence never departed from me since I left the Land of my nativity; but he is a constant Companion unto me, and his Almighty power is with me, through which I am able to do all things, and no thing is hard unto me; though bonds and travels attend me, yet the comfort of his spirit is with me, and all places are alike unto me, both the roaring Sea, and the dry land, because of his Omnipresence who created them all; And this is the Mighty God of *Abraham*, *Isaac*, and *Jacob*, who is with me, who fills my heart dayly with his love, and causeth his blessing and living vertue to abound, so that my cup doth overflow, for which I blesse and magnifie his name, and sound forth his praises through the horn of his own Anointed; And this is the God whom *David* served, who is now with me, even he that made him wiser then his Teachers, and gave him more understanding then the Ancients, and delivered him out of the mouth of the Lyon, and from the paw of the devouring Bear, *and gave the life of the uncircumcised Philistine into his hand*; even he it is that doth accompany me, and carry me through all my travels; who spake to *Moses* out of the *bush when it was on fire, and was not consumed*, at whose *voice Moses feared and trembled exceedingly*; and this is he of whom I make my boast, who leads me whithersoever he pleaseth; And who shall withstand him in his way, and not fall before him? for *the lofty City he bringeth it down, he layeth it low, even with the dust*; Wherefore howl ye Inhabitants thereof; For behold your desolation cometh swiftly, and none shall be able to hinder it; for the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; and who is he that can withstand him, or be able to deliver you out of the just hand of the Almighty? for he is greater and stronger then all, whose Controversie is certainly great with you, and will assuredly plead with you in his jealousie, and in his fierce indignation, and you shall not escape his hand; for he will finde you out, whatsoever covering you hide your selves under, and he will recompence every one according to their doings; for all things are naked and bare before him with whom we have to do; And his Kingdom of Righteousnes shall be exalted over all the Kingdoms of the

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earth, and the Lord God Omnipotent shall reign, and the Powers of Darkness must bow before him that sits upon the throne, & *rides upon the* white Horse *whose name is called* Faithfull *and* true; *and in righteousness he doth judg and make war: wherefore let the Armies that are in Heaven rejoyce, that follow him upon white Horses*; for your Enemies shall be given into your hands for a prey, and by their spoil shall you be enriched: *He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith*, which now speaketh expresly, and signifieth the things that must shortly come to pass.

Wherefore put on valour and courage you heads of the *Army of the Lords heavenly Host*, who are in the front of the Battle, and are oft-times deeply engaged in war with the beast and *false Prophet*, (*who must be taken alive, and cast into the Lake:*) I say unto you my beloved Brethren, and fellow-Souldiers (whose weapons are not carnal but spiritual, and mighty through God) I am not insensible of your travels, combats and oppositions, and hardships which daily you meet withal, but in my measure partake with you, and do truly travel in your strength, (I speak to the wise in heart) and I also partake with you of the everlasting Consolation which daily abounds, so that we need not faint in our minds, nor in our hearts, though our Enemies seem many in number, and great in strength; for the Lord, *the mighty God of Jacob* is with us, even the *Mighty Jehovah* is on our side, (and this you fully know, and it is not because you know not these things, that I write thus unto you, but because you know it, and can seal this Testimony, and that you may be refreshed hereby;) and *he it is that fights all our battels for us; and all Nations are but as a drop of a Bucket before him; and the hearts of Kings are in his hand, and he can turn them as the Rivers of waters; who turns a fruitfull Land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.*

Oh my beloved Brethren, how doth my soul love you, and cleave unto you! how oft are you in my remembrance! and sweet, pleasant, and delightful is the remembrance of you unto me; your beauty oft-times even ravisheth my heart, and (at this time) even overcomes me; your Crown is glorious which I behold, and the might of the Power with which you are endued, & by which you are armed, who can declare! Oh, go on therefore you mighty men of war, you valiant Champions of the *Lords host lay waste the heritage of the wicked, that*

the heritage of the godly may flourish: Let the Nations feel the ſtroke of the hand of the God of David (who is with you) who ſmote the Philiſtine (that defied the Armies of the living God) that he dyed, Let the enemies of Gods truth *be ſmitten in the hinder parts, that they may fall and never riſe again; For* Gog *and* Magog *have ſet themſelves in battel againſt the Lord,* and the bryers and thorns ſhall ſet themſelves in array; but Oh *how will he daſh them to pieces like a potters veſſel of clay; and how will he burn them up and conſume them with the fire of his jealouſie, and fierce indignation, and wrath! how will he conſume it, and lay waſte, until the Spoyler be utterly ſpoiled, and the Devourer laid waſte! for the cryes of the oppreſſed and diſtreſſed ſuffering ſeed is intred into the ears of the Lord God of Sabboth, and he hath aſſuredly regard thereunto, and he hath awakened and made bare his Arm, that cut* Rahab, *and wounded the Dragon in the dayes of old; and he hath rouzed up himſelf as a man out of ſleep, and hath put on the Garments of Vengeance for clothing, and is clad with Zeal as with a Cloak: and fury to his Adverſaries he will repay; and he will certainly plead the cauſe of his own Elect, who have no other helper in the Earth.*

Wherefore all you ſuffering Lambs of the true Shepherds Fold, be of good chear, and of good comfort, and ſuffer patiently whatſoever the enemy ſhall be ſuffered or permitted to inflict upon you for the tryal of your faith; and eternally I ſay unto you, it will be your Crown for ever, an everlaſting reward ſhall you receive from the hand of the Almighty; when you have been tried throughly, then ſhall you appear *in the beauty of holineſs, and your ſorrow ſhall be turned into rejoycing;* and for your affliction you ſhall have the everlaſting comfort of Gods good Spirit, which ſhall abide with you for ever; and the wicked, and thoſe that hate you, ſhall be clothed with ſhame and everlaſting contempt, and confuſion ſhall cover them, *for the mouth of the Lord hath ſpoken it.*

Wherefore put on courage and ſtrength *in the Name of the Lord,* and lift up your heads above all ſufferings, *for theſe things laſt but for a moment, and will paſs away,* and be forgotten, as they had not been; *and are not worthy to be compared to the glory that is to be revealed* in them who abide faithful; for their reward *will be everlaſting,* and will endure for ever; wherefore, above all, have an eye unto the Lord and have reſpect *unto the recompence of reward,* and this will carry you through with chearfulneſs, ſo that *nothing will be dear unto you*

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for his ſake who hath ſhed abroad his rich Love in your hearts, and the aboundings thereof, I queſtion not but the upright in heart feel daily: For the Lord is not ſlack towards any of his faithfull ones, but is free and large in his Love, and rich in his mercies, and freely extends it, even as a River into the hearts of his *choſen*: wherefore be repleniſhed therewith you ſuffering Plants; for this I teſtifie unto you in the Name of the Lord, that the vertue of the Life of Holineſs I thus hold forth freely towards you, ſo that none needs faint under the Oppreſſor, but may receive renewedneſs of ſtrength to bear yet a ſeaſon: And behold, he in whom you have believed will be avenged on your Adverſaries, and will ſmite your Enemies in the hinder parts, and they ſhall fall, and none ſhall help them, neither ſhall they riſe again. If you walk humbly with the Lord, and reverence him above all, who is the God of Life, then ſhall you have reſt from all your Enemies, and your Portion ſhall be the Lord, and your Kingdom ſhall be that which is not of this World, which is an everlaſting Kingdom, and ſhall never have end: So the Lord God of my Life keep you all in ſowlineſs, and faithfulneſs, and true humility before him; for he who is *the Holy One of Iſrael* dwells with ſuch, and unto them his goodneſs extends, but eſpecially to them of a *clean heart*: Farewel.

Written at the movings of the Spirit of the Lord, the Eighth day of the Third Moneth, 1662. *as I was travelling in the Wilderneſs, as without, on* Long-Iſland *in* Am ca, *and pondering in my heart the things of God, and his dea gs in times paſt, and alſo preſent; then the Spirit of the Lord, and the Power of the Lord overſhadowed me, and glory filled the Temple, and he ſhewed me things not now lawfull to be declared.*

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To all who desire to know the Way to the Kingdom of Peace and Righteousness; this to you is the visitation of God.

THat *which was in the beginning, before the World was, and is now made manifest, which we have seen,* and which we have tasted of, and which our hands have handled *of the word of life*; and that which is revealed to us in secret of the Spirit of the Lord, that do we declare openly, even that which we are eye witnesses of; For the Word hath took flesh, and dwelt amongst us, and we have beheld his glory, *as the glory of the only begotten of the Father, Full of grace and truth*: And this is he who is appeared in Spirit, and made manifest for this end, that the works of the Devil might be destroyed; and that by and through him, the God of the spirits of all flesh might be revealed; for want of whose knowledg the people perish; and many (in divers parts of the World, as I have observed) are in great perplexity and some even at their wits end, because of the distractions, and many cries that are in the World, some crying this is the way, and other some, that is the way; and all of them from the Light of the Son of God in their own hearts and consciences, which leads in the way of Life and Peace (all who are guided by it) and out of all confusion, and destruction about Religion, and Church Ordinances, and worship, and such things, about which the world is in heaps and confusion; and are prescribing wayes and worships in their own fallen wisdom, and would compel all to conform thereunto, (and so would binde the conscience of people to their wills) which ought to be left unto the Lord, to be exercised by his power in matters of Worship and Obedience towards him; and his Prerogative is to Rule there; So that people must either disobey God, or the Laws of corrupt fallen Man; and whether is better, judg ye.

And this is sad to see and consider; because there hath been for so many Years by-past, so much preaching, and so much profession of *Liberty of Conscience*, and the like, and that by men of all Professions, as they have come into Authority one after another; and many and seeming fair Promises have been made by them all, *that free Liberty of Conscience (in things relating to God) should be granted and allowed to people*

people of all sorts: for the breach of which Engagements (with many other) divers have already been rooted out, and overturned: And yet thereby men have not taken warning (though besides, warnings have oft been given them in tender love) to perform their Promises and Engagements in these things and all other, though much consisteth therein as to their Establishment; and on the contrary, to their Ruination: Neither have they learned to give the same liberty to others (in things relating to the Conscience) as themselves would desire to have; and this is not to do as they would be done unto; And therein they are short of fulfilling the Royal Law of God.

Wherefore let all people (who are making Laws to compel mens conscience) consider how they are degenerated from God, and how darkness hath covered them, and hardness of heart hath seized on them; so that they cannot have regard unto tender consciences, but in the pride of their hearts would be Lords over the consciences of others: Surely they are not guided by the same Spirit that the Apostle was in the primitive times, who said *let every man be fully perswaded in his own conscience*, and this was true Liberty of Conscience.

And notwithstanding all the Profession that there hath been, and yet is in the world, and the talk of God and Christ, and Redemption, and Salvation by him, yet now, when the Son of God is come, is there faith to be found on Earth? or are people Redeemed from the Earth, or saved from the pollutions of the World? I tell you nay; for all who err from the Light of the Son of God in them, they are in the Alination, and Degeneration, and are strangers unto God and his Covenant of Peace, *and Reprobate concerning that faith* which gives the Saints victory over the world, and so are drove out into the Earth (not redeemed from it) but are bond-slaves to corruption, and live in the pollutions of the World: And in this state the whole World lyeth, notwithstanding all their Profession, and talk of Religion which is amongst them; and so their fruits plainly manifest it; and thereby it is clearely seen, that their Teachers were not sent of the Lord, neither have they had his Word, nor stood in his Counsel; therefore have they not profitted the people, nor turned them from the evil of their wayes, neither are they brought to the knowledg of the Truth, by which Freedom & Redemption is witnessed: So their Preaching is vain, and their Faith is vain, and they remain in their sins, which separates them from God, and are dead while they live,

and are unreſtored, and unreconciled, and have no aſſurance of their eternal wel-being: And when any comes into a ſerious Conſideration, and unto a true ſence of the ſad ſtate they are in, and how they have lived, and ſpent their time all their life long: then Judgment, and Wrath, Condemnation, and Pangs, and the ſorrows of Hell compaſſeth them about, and then ſeeing themſelves in the periſhing ſtate, they are even at their wits end: yet theſe things they conſider not in the time of their proſperity.

Wherefore all people every where, who deſire to come out of theſe Diſtractions, and Confuſions, and Hurryings, and Contentions about Faith, and Worſhip, and Ordinances, and out of the Polluti-ons which the World lives in, and to come into the *Spiritual Worſhip which is in the Spirit and in the Truth*: To you I ſay, that is *the Spirit of Truth in you all (in which God will be worſhipped) which reproves you of ſin in your hearts; and as you come into obedience to that, it will bring you into the Spirituall Worſhip*: For *the Spiritual Worſhip conſiſteth in Obedience to the Spirit*; and this is the *everlaſting Ordinance of God (viz.) Chriſt the Light, the quickening Spirit; for him hath God ordained of old, to all that believe, and work Righteouſneſs for Salvation*: So all being exerciſed *in the Light*, and with the quickning Spirit, here you are exerciſed *in the Ordinance of God*; and here *the living Subſtance is known, in which the Shadows, Types, and Figures end*: And here *the Hand-writing of Ordinance is blotted out*: and here *the Law ends, which was contained in Ordinances*, (mark that) *in Chriſt the everlaſting Ordinance.*

Concerning FAITH.

AND *the living FAITH, which gives the Saints victory over the World, this cometh by hearing of the Word, which is nigh unto you all, even in your hearts, and in your mouths*: and as every one comes to hear and obey it, *you will* thereby *be begotten in the Faith which was once delivered to the Saints, by which they wrought Righteouſneſs*; and that is *the Faith which giveth victory over the World*, and *which worketh by love, for the purifying of the Conſcience from dead works to ſerve the living God*; *and without this faith it is impoſſible to pleaſe God*; *for whatſoever is not of Faith is ſin.* So ſearch your

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ſelves, and ſee, whether you are in this Faith, yea or nay; or whether your Faith be not a *dead Faith:* For that which doth not lead to work righteouſneſs is a dead faith: for *as the body without the ſpirit is dead, ſo faith without works is dead alſo*; yet *by works only there is none juſtified, (and faith without works is dead, for the faith of* Abraham *wrought with works, and by works faith is made perfect:* So let not any deceive themſelves with a fained faith, or framed in the imagination; for that is a vain faith, and not able to ſave you: Alſo beware that *your faith towards God be not taught by the Precepts of men*, for that will ſtand you in no ſtead, neither will it give you victory over the Pollutions of the World, nor purifie your hearts from ſin; Wherefore mind the Word which is nigh, by the hearing of which Faith cometh, even the Living Faith (by which the Juſt live,) *which was once delivered to the Saints, and which we earneſtly contend for.*

Concerning HOPE.

AND *the living Hope, which maketh not aſhamed, but puryfieth the heart, even as God is pure:* This is not witneſſed nor known, but through the tribulation and patience in the experimental working & operation of the ſpirit of life in the inward parts, & Word of Life; For *by the Word of God, which lives and abides for ever, are we begotten again unto a lively Hope,* which we have for an anchor both ſure and ſteadfaſt in all our Tryals, and toſſings, and hurryings which we meet withal in the World, and amongſt the hypocritical Profeſſours thereof, whoſe Hope will periſh in the day *when the Wrath of God is revealed from Heaven* upon all who hold the Truth in unrighteouſneſs: But *he whoſe Hope is begotten by the operation of the Word and Spirit of Life, even he it is that purifies himſelf even as God is pure.*

So all who deſire the Way of Life, to know and to walk in the Path of Peace, which the Worker of Iniquity knows not; I ſay unto you all, it is in the midſt of the Paths of Judgment, *which Chriſt the Light, the wiſdom of God leads unto:* So every one, the light in your own Conſciences minde, wherewith Chriſt Jeſus the Son of the Fathers love hath enlightened you; and as you Wait in it, you will finde

finde it checking and reproving you for sin and iniquity in the secret of your hearts and consciences; and as every one comes to be guided by this Light, which is the way, it will be an infallible guide unto you, to lead you in the way of Righteousnes, and in the midst of the paths of Judgment; and the worker of iniquity you will see judged in your own particulars dayly; and the Prince of this World will come to be cast out, as you dwell in the judgment; and this is the way whereby *Sion* comes to be redeemed.

Wherefore dwell in that which judgeth the man of sin in your own particulars: and joyn not to that Nature which would lead to work iniquity, or unrighteousnes, but joyn to that which (in your own particulars) judgeth it; and here the Cross you will know, which the *whole World are strangers to*; and then *the Old man* will come to be weakened, and *to be put off with his deeds, that the New man be put on, which is created in Righteousnes and true Holiness*; but this work is not wrought nor effected but through many Combats, Trials, and great Tribulations, which formerly you were not acquainted with, while you were lead captive at the Devils will, and followed his lusts, *and the strong man armed kept the house*, then all was at peace; *but when the stronger is come, the other must be bounds, and a spoil of his goods must be made*, and his heritage must be laid waste; for the coming of the second *Adam* (Christ Jesus the Light of the World) is not to send *Peace* on Earth, but a *Sword*, and *then you will hear of Wars, and rumours of Wars; see then that ye be not troubled, for these are but the beginning of sorrow, but the end is not yet.*

So as every one are exercised with the spirit of Truth (in your own particulars, which reproves you of sin) this will lead you *into all truth*, and to work Righteousnes, and will bring you to fulfil the Royal Law, and the Prophets, which is, *to do unto all men as you would men should do unto you*: And whensoever the motions of sin and iniquity shall arise in your hearts, as you watch in the Light it will be seen, and by the spirit of truth it will be judged, before it will be brought forth into action; and here the Cockatrice is crushed in the shell, and *Babylons brats dash'd against the stone, and happy shall he be that doth so.*

So there must be a diligent watch set before *the door of thy Lips*, and a diligent waiting in the Light (which is the eye) that the Enemy may be seen in all his wiles, and that his baits and snares may be discovered,

discovered, and escaped, who lies in wait to devour, and hunts for that end, and to keep the heart polluted, for then he hath his nest there; so, *herewith a young man may cleanse his way, even by taking heed thereunto, according to the Word, which is pure, and is nigh, even in the heart, and in the mouth*, and this is the Word of Faith which we preach, which was in the beginning, and is nigh unto all, *which you do well if you take heed, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts*: And as you all take heed unto this Word, it *will be unto you a Light unto your feet, and a Lanthorn unto your paths*; and the operation of it you will know as a fire to purge the filth out of every ones heart, and as a Sword to separate you from your former Lovers: and *this is the Word of Reconciliation which* (purging out the filth) *reconciles us to God*; and this will be a Teacher near you, so that none will need go far for teaching; for your eye shall see your Teacher, which shall not be removed into a corner any more, according to the Promise of God made by his Prophets in the days of old, and your ears shall *hear this Word behind you saying, this is the Way, walk in it*, when you turn to the right hand, or when you turn to the left.

Wherefore, encline your ears, and come unto me (saith the Lord) *hear and your Souls shall live, and I will make with you an Everlasting Covenant, even the sure mercies of* David: so now the day of gathering into Gods Everlasting Covenant of Light, Life and Peace is come; and now is the day of Gods visitation unto all People, and the time now is wherein you may come to know *reconciliation with God*, and *wherein you may come to be made nigh, who are in the alienation and degeneration*; and now the time is wherein you may come to know the Restoration out of the fallen state: Wherefore be not rebellious against the Light, neither be ye stiff-necked against the Reproofs thereof in your own hearts, neither *resist* the motions *of Gods good Spirit* of Grace in your inward parts, by which he hath long striven with you, and do not dispite unto it by resisting the motions thereof, lest it leave to strive with you, & the day of your visitation pass over, and your hearts be hardened, and you become even *sold to work wickedness*, and then it be said unto you, as Christ said to *Jerusalem, How oft would I have gathered you, as a Hen gathers her Chickens under her Wings, but ye would not*; *therefore, behold your house is left desolate.*

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Wherefore consider your ways, and how the good Spirit of God hath long strived with you, to gather you out of the Pollutions, Wayes, and vain Traditions of the World; and every one while you have time prize it, *and while it is called to day harden not your hearts*, lest thereby you provoke the Lord to anger and jealousie, which cannot be quenched; for this know, that his long sufferings and forbearance will come to an end, and *his Spirit will not alwayes strive with man*; therefore while the tenders of Gods Love are held forth unto you every one (who desires to know the Salvation of your Souls) receive it, and that which begets good desires in your minds, and judgeth evil desires when they arise, that own for your guide and teacher; and this will exercise your minds in *Lowliness* and *Humility*, and keep down the lofty spirit, and high imaginations which will puff the minde up above the fear of God; so keep down in the Humility, for this the Lord requires of thee oh man, whosoever thou be, *to do justly, and to love mercy, and walk humbly with God*; *for the proud he resisteth, but he giveth grace unto the humble*; by which he teacheth them his precepts, even by his good Spirit of Grace, which brings Salvation, *and which hath appeared unto all men*; by this I say he teacheth them, *that denying ungodliness, and worldly lusts, they should live Soberly, and Righteously, and Godly in this present evil World*, (*mark*) the *Grace* which *teacheth* this, and *which brings Salvation, hath appeared unto all men*: so that which brings Salvation, is nigh unto you; *the Grace of God which hath appeared unto you*; so every one mind that, and none turn it into wantonness, nor into laciviousness, but every one give up to be taught by it, that the precepts of God you may come to know, and walk in them: And so here is the great Salvation of God, Gods Covenant of Light, *which lighteth every man that comes into the World*; *I have given thee* (saith he) *a Covenant of Light, to lighten the Gentiles, that thou mayst be my Salvation to the ends of the Earth*; mark, Gods Covenant of Light for Salvation, which lighteth every man that comes into the World, in which Light the Nations of them that are saved must walk: And saith God (who is Light) *I the Lord search the heart, and try the reins*; *look unto me, and be saved all ye ends of the Earth*; mark again, unto him that searcheth the heart, and trieth the reins, all the ends of the Earth must look for Salvation; so that it comes not from the Mountains nor from the Hills, but Salvation is of the Lord; and

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God is Light, and in him is no darkneſs at all; and this is the Father of Lights, and is in the Son, and the Son in him, and the Father and Son are one, who lighteth every man that cometh into the World: wherefore dwell in the Light, and walk in the Light, that you may be Children of the Light; for *the earth ſhall be covered with darkneſs, and groſs darkneſs ſhall be over the people, but the Lord ſhall become the Light of his Iſrael, and his God his glory.*

Wherefore come out of the groſs Darkneſs with which the Earth is covered, and walk in the Everlaſting Light of the Son of God, wherewith you are enlightened; and walk no longer in the dark paths of Ignorance, neither follow the blind guides of the World any more, who have fed you with their own aiery Imaginations, and Conceptions, and brain-ſtudy, and have ſpoken unto you a Divination of their own brain, and not from the mouth of the Lord; and your ſouls are not ſatisfied with all that ever you received from them; And why then will you ſpend your money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which doth not ſatisfie your ſouls? Oh hearken diligently unto the voice of God, (who is Light) *that you may eat of that which is good, and your ſouls may be ſatisfied*; for why ſhould your ſouls be in poverty, and dry, and barren (*now the fountain of durable Riches is open,*) but becauſe you are alienated from the Lord, and ſtrangers to his Covenant of Light! Wherefore the Reſtoration all wait to know, by him who brings back again that which hath been driven away, that the return of your Captivity you may come to know and witneſs out of *Babylon that great City (whoſe deſolation cometh ſuddenly,) and be ye ſeparated from the abominations thereof, and touch not the unclean thing, that you may be received of the Lord into my Fathers houſe, where my dwelling is, in which there is no want of any good thing*; for here is all plenty of Heavenly rich vertue, and ſweet Conſolation; wherefore I cannot but invite all who are *hungry to come freely*, for the Fountain is open, *and whoſoever thirſts may drink of the water of life freely.*

But now my Friends, this know, that the *Way* that leads to this Ocean of *Reſt, Kingdom of Grace, and Fountain of Life, is ſtrait and narrow*, and none can walk therein, but through Self-denyal, and taking up the dayly Croſs to the carnal mind; which may ſeem hard to ſuch as enter into Reaſonings and Conſultations with the wrong nature which would ſtill live; but that being denied, and the Light

being joyned unto, which manifests the way; and the Croſs being taken up, and the Yoke ſubmitted unto; then the power of the Lord you will feel, which will ſubject the contrary nature, and will make the way eaſie & plain before you, yea and delightful unto you, though it be in the midſt of the paths of judgement; for the Righteous will rejoyce therein: And though many oppoſitions, and ſometimes many difficulties you may find in the way, yet keeping to the Light in ſingleneſs, and feeling the power of God, and the ſecret working thereof, it will keep the mind cool, and exclude the Conſulter: And then the way thou wilt ſee open clear before thee, through all difficulties; and as thou waiteſt in the pure fear of the Lord, keeping thy mind ſtayed upon him, thou wilt feel his good hand of love reaching unto thee dayly, adminiſtring renewed neſs of ſtrength unto thee, whereby thou wilt be ſufficiently encouraged to preſs on in the ſtrait and narrow way, and the way of his Commandements will be delightfull unto thee, and not grievous; and he will repleniſh thy heart with his Grace, and make thee know the aboundings of his love, which will exceedingly enlarge thy heart; So let none ſtumble or ſtart aſide at the ſtraitneſs of the way, but be willing to ſubmit to the Croſs, that the Crown thou mayeſt come to receive, which is immortal and eternal, and then it will never repent thee whatſoever thou are made to deny; for an hundred-fold thy Reward will be in this life from the hand of the Lord, and Peace and Life Everlaſting thou wilt have the aſſurance of, and it thou wilt poſſeſs and enjoy: and this is of more value with the upright in heart, then all the love, glory, or friendſhip of the World, for that laſts but for a little ſeaſon, and then paſſeth away; but this Inheritance is Everlaſting, and never hath end.

Wherefore let not your minds be captivated with any periſhing thing whatſoever, but in that which will redeem the mind out of all that is periſhing, in that dwell, and you will know a daily dying unto ſin, and to all things of that nature, which keeps the Soul in death; and thereby you will be quickened unto God; and the deſires and ſecret breathings which are in you after God, will more and more encreaſe, and be renewed; and fervency of heart, and zeal for the Lord will encreaſe alſo: And where theſe fervent deſires and breathings are in any one, nothing will ſatisfie it but the preſence of the Lord: And as this is dwelt with in ſincerity and in ſingleneſs, the

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Lord in his own time will manifeſt himſelf to thy everlaſting ſatisfaction, and comfort, and joy, and everlaſting content: Wherefore let not any thing be accounted dear for his ſake; *For he that loveth Father or Mother, Wife or Children, or any thing more than me* (ſaith Chriſt) *is not worthy of me.*

Wherefore I now publiſh the Decree of the Almighty unto all Nations; *That whoſoever will not ſerve, worſhip, and obey the God of Heaven, who is Light, and ſearcheth the heart of man, even he ſhall dye, and Darkneſs ſhall be his covering, and groſs darkneſs his pavilion; and Death ſhall be his life, and the Terrours thereof ſhall compaſs him about, World without end.*

A Teſtimony concerning Lodowick Muggleton.

FOr as much as I have been informed, that *Lodowick Muggleton* have vaunted concerning my departure out of the Body, becauſe of his pretended Sentance of Damnation given againſt me. I am moved to leave this Teſtimony concerning him behind me; *viz.* That he is a Son of Darkneſs, and a Co-Worker with the Prince of the Bottomleſs-Pit, in which his inheritance ſhall be forever. And the Judgment I paſſed on him, when with him, ſtands ſealed by the Spirit of the Lord, by which I then declared unto him; That in the Name of that God that ſpans the Heaven with his Span, and meaſureth the Waters in the hollow of his hand, I bind thee here on Earth, and thou art bound in Heaven; and in the Chain under Darkneſs to the Judgment of the great Day thou ſhalt be reſerved, and thy Faith and ſtrength thou boaſteth of, I defie and trample under foot.

And I do hereby further declare the ſaid *Lodowick* to be a falſe Prophet in what he ſaid to me at that time, who told me, That from henceforth I ſhould be alwayes in fear of Damnation, which ſhould be a ſign to me that I was damned, which fear I was never in ſince; ſo that his ſign given by himſelf did not follow his Propheſie, which ſufficiently declares him to be a falſe Prophet.

Joſiah Coale.

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What J. Coale *spake a little time before he died to Friends that were about him.*

WEll Friends, be faithful to God, and have a single eye to his Glory, and seek nothing for self, or your own glory, and if any thing arise, judg it down in the Power of the Lord God, that so you be clear in his Light, and answer his Witness in all people, then will you have the reward of Life.

For my part I have walked in faithfulness with the Lord; and I have thus far finished my Testimony, and have peace with the Lord; and his Majesty is with me, and his Crown of Life is upon me: So mind my love to all Friends. Then he ceased speaking. After he spake to *S. C.* Dear Heart, keep low in the holy Seed of God; that will be thy Crown. He said after, A Minister of Christ must walk as he walked.

THE END.